The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a work session on Thursday, June 16, 2016 in Cabinet Room of the Townsend Building, Dover, Delaware. The session began at 9:25 a.m.

Present were: Teri Quinn Gray, President; Nina Lou Bunting, G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt; Terry M. Whittaker and Donna R. Johnson, who serves as the State Board's Executive Director. Deputy Attorney General Valerie Dunkle was also present.

SAT Standard Setting Process

Chief Academic Officer Michael Watson and April McCrae provided the State Board will an overview of the SAT Peer Review process. Achievement Level Descriptors will be developed which will help identify what a student should be able to do at each identified level based on the Delaware Content Standards and expectations for high school students. A team of Delaware educators is currently meeting with educators from other states to review SAT test items, impact data and receive training on the standards setting process. They will also determine achievement levels or cut scores for reading, writing and language, mathematics and essay. Later this month Delaware educators will review those cut scores. Mr. Watson noted that the Board would be asked to approve those cut scores in August. Public comment and review for the cut scores will be in July. There was discussion on the communication outreach needed to parents and stakeholders on the SAT cut scores.

State Board Strategic Plan

The Board continued its discussion on updates and revisions to its Strategic Plan and its policy agenda.

The work session adjourned at 12:20 p.m.